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SACRAMENTO'S NEWS MAGAZINE FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY AND ITS FRIENDS

What Goes Up, Must Come Down?

Kate Moore

The rainbow flag flew above the capitol in the early morning hours of October 11, 1990 to commemorate National Coming Out Day. "You should have heard the cheers here in Santa Fe when we announced the flag was on the capitol," said Lynn Sheppod, Executive Director of NCOD, "You all should be very proud."

by **Sara E. Myers**

On National Coming Out Day, October 11, the gay flag proudly flew over California's Capitol dome as a symbol of gay rights, gay freedom, and gay pride. At 10 a.m., three hours after the flag was raised, the day's serenity was shattered by the Governor's orders to lower the flag.

To justify his actions the Governor falsely claimed that the proper steps had not been followed to allow the gay flag to fly at the Capitol. In fact, each step had been followed to the letter of the law. In response to the latest ISSUE's sponsorship of gay flag day, Ken Topper - an aide in Senator Roberti's office -- suggested a movement to allow the flag to fly at the capitol on National Coming Out Day. After several state legislators had declined Topper's bid to carry the request to the joint rules committee, Senator Marks, (D-San Francisco) agreed to do so, and the request was approved. The 4 foot by 6 foot rainbow flag was donated and delivered by the latest ISSUE on October 10.

Thursday morning, October ll, the flag was raised at 7:00 a.m. to the joy of spectators and photographers. When the governor ordered the flag down, at the apparent urging of conservative Republicans and veterans groups, he claimed that he found it inappropriate for "special interest" flags to fly at the capitol. He did not address, however, why he did not object to other flags including those for Black History Week, St. Patrick's Day, and Earth Day which have flown over the dome.

Although the flying of the gay flag at the capitol was the event at the top of the news, it was only one among a myriad of activities that took place October ll to celebrate National Coming Out Day, a day when gays and lesbians are encouraged to take their "next step" in their personal coming out process. In a strong show of support, Mayor Anne Rudin arrived to witness the raising of the gay flag at Plaza Park, directly across from City Hall.

the latest ISSUE delivered the rainbow flag.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial John Wright, a 17 year veteran of the Navy, placed a small rainbow flag on the bronze solidier in remeberance of all of the gay soldiers who fought in Vietnam. "They died for this country too." Wright said.

At CSUS, a noontime rally was held featuring gay students and faculty telling their own coming out stories in encouragement to others. Although Assembly Member Lloyd Connelly who was

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!!! really I MUST SAY!

Vote Feinstein

The flying of the rainbow flag over the capitol dome on National Coming Out Day sure stirred up Governor Deukmejian. Every redneck legislator, bigoted assemblyman and outraged asshole got ahold of this "horrible" event and made it an issue. Community leader, Ken Topper, took his "Rainbow Flag Proposal" to a supportive representitive from San Francisco, Senator Marks, who then cleared it throught the Joint Rules Committee. This committee is the committee to make the decision, and is the committee who approved the flying of other flags such as those for St. Patricks Day, Earth Day and Black History Month.

The governor argued that since the chairman of the Joint Rules Committee, rather than the full committee, approved the flying of the flag the governor was justified in ordering it down. However, every other flag that has flown at the capitol has been authorized solely by the committee chairman.

Gay men and lesbians make up at least 10% of the population of California. We deserve equal treatment and a governor who supports us. Thank God Governor Deukmejian is on his way out!

On November 6th make your vote count in the Governor's race. Remember that Pete Wilson is quoted as saying he would have made the same decision as Deukmejian did about the rainbow flag. Vote for Dianne Feinstein. She supports gay rights, and has promised to sign a state wide anti-discrimination bill for the rights of gays and lesbians in California. She deserves our support and your vote.

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Angry With Sloan of Lambda Center

Editor,

Please print this letter to Jerry Sloan, President - Board of Directors, Lambda Community Center, dated Oct. 3, 1990.

Dear Jerry Sloan,

It is with regret that I send this letter. Since my election to the Board of Directors of the Lambda Community Fund, I have witnessed, what I feel, is a misuse of your position as president. You have repeatedly used your position as a platform to impose, what I perceived to be, your personal political beliefs, rather than the consensus of this governing board.

I have also been appalled at your lack of cooperation when working with board members. At a recent board meeting, I inquired as to the status of the Sacramento "Stop AIDS Project." for which we were awarded $109,000 (which comprises 80% of our total operating budget) to provide services to the Sacramento gay and lesbian community. Rather than respond, you immediately became defensive and said "There is no Stop AIDS Project!" Since then I have asked you on two other occasions what the Fund is doing with these funds. Both times you neglected to answer my questions.

As you know, I was asked to chair the selection committee to recruit an executive director to fill the vacancy left by Tim Warford, which I accepted. Although I believe that the person who was finally selected will make a fine contribution to the Lambda Community Fund, because of your individual efforts, many equally fine candidates were disqualified.

As the chair, I worked with the committee to develop interview questions and rating criteria. The interviews were conducted by the committee and the candidates were scored. Two top candidates were selected and were to be presented before the entire board for their vote. However, before that was done, you made it quite clear that you were not happy with the results. You expressed concern that a friend of yours wasn't a finalist. Afterwards you and Marghe Covino took it upon yourselves to solicit individual support from board members by alleging that some very strong feelings such as "the candidate could not be HIV positive or have AIDS" and that one candidate was "too pretty to be a lesbian" and that "you would not have your board run by a straight person", therefore, certain candidates should be disqualified.

Unfortunately, it was apparent to me that the issue was not whether or not a particular candidate was qualified, but whether they were straight or lesbian or healthy or HIV positive. I am concerned some candidates were not even given the opportunity to be judged on their abilities and accomplishments. It is inexcusable and ironic that we, as gay men and lesbians, who are fighting to gain an equal status in this oppressive society, would judge somebody because of who they sleep with!

I can no longer be associated with an organization that condones such bigotry and discrimination. I can no longer stand still and watch you exploit your position as and elected leader of the gay and lesbian community for your own apparent gain and self satisfaction. Please accept this as my letter of resignation from the Board of Directors, Lambda Community Fund. And until you are no longer associated with the Lambda Community Fund I will withhold all my support, financially or otherwise.

Sincerely
Robert Gilbert

LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

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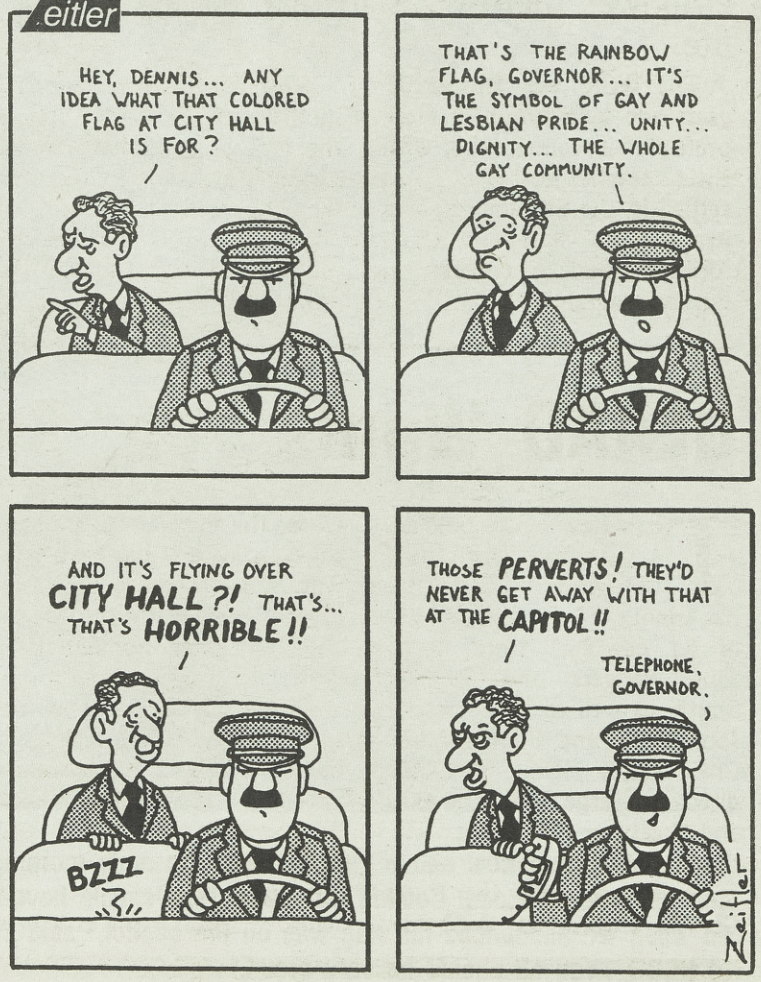

HEY, DENNIS... ANY IDEA WHAT THAT COLORED FLAG AT CITY HALL IS FOR?
THAT'S THE RAINBOW FLAG, GOVERNOR... IT'S THE SYMBOL OF GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE... UNITY... DIGNITY... THE WHOLE GAY COMMUNITY.
AND IT'S FLYING OVER CITY HALL?! THAT'S... THAT'S HORRIBLE!!
BZZZ
THOSE PERVERTS! THEY'D NEVER GET AWAY WITH THAT AT THE CAPITOL!!
TELEPHONE, GOVERNOR.

AROUND TOWN

Scratch Pulls Gay Teen Story Under Pressure

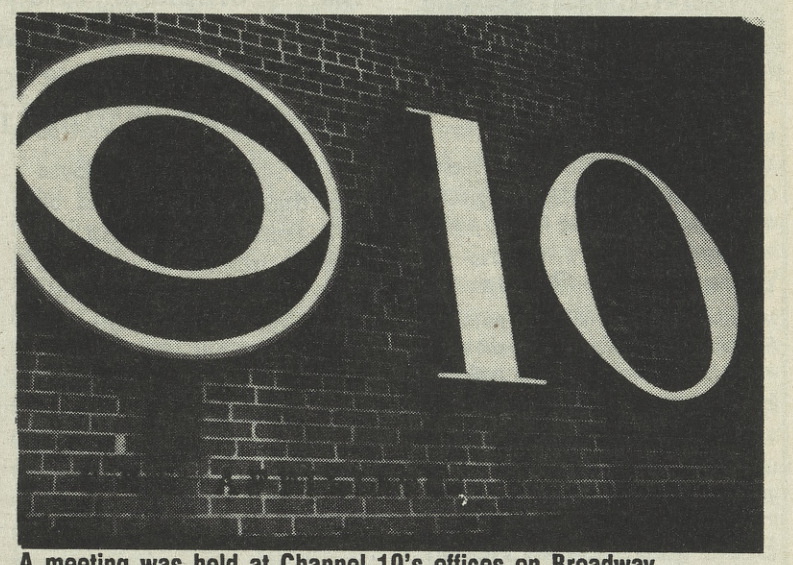
by **Stacy Selmants**

In response to public pressure from conservatives, reportedly only six hours before air time, KXTV (Channel 10) killed its "gay teens" segment on the September 22 edition of Scratch, leaving an equally sudden wake of confusion and betrayal.

By promoting the program heavily, and then substituting another segment when the predictable right wing wrath hit the phone wires, the station has been accused by many (including members of the "mainstream" press) of acting cowardly and indecisive, and victimizing the teens who volunteered to be participants in producing the show.

In an effort to stem rising outcry over the issue, on October 2, KXTV management met with members of gay/lesbian community to air concerns and formulate a response to the incident. Approximately 18 people attended, including representatives of : the latest ISSUE, MGW, the Bay Area Reporter, GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) the Gay Youth Rap Group, and the Lambda Center's Speakers' Bureau.

At the October 12 meeting, several participants stressed the need for KXTV to issue a public apology, providing the opportunity for the teens involved in the program to express their feelings about the program's quick dismissal by station management. Matt Chan, Creative Services Director at KXTV and Executive Producer of Scratch, appeared before the gay teen group at the Lambda Center, on Friday, October 12.



A meeting was held at Channel 10's offices on Broadway.

He brought a letter of apology from the station manager of KXTV, and, while offering some of the same excuses for the cancellation he discussed earlier with the latest ISSUE, Chan allowed the young people an opportunity to vent some of their collective sense of betrayal and anger. Chan offered the group another chance to produce a half hour show using gay teens as a theme. Originally he spoke of a showtime of December 1990, but when pressured, amended his time line to "a few

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WCIC Gives to the Community

by **Celeste Brown**

The Women's Civic Improvement Club, Inc., is a socially conscious and aware center, which designs its programs to help the poor and disenfranchised community members to empower themselves for a more enriching life.

The WCIC was formed 50 years ago by a group of black professional women who, with their teacher-husbands, had settled in the Sacramento area in order to start and teach African American children in quality programs.

However, the founding mothers of the WCIC noticed the lack of good housing for African Americans in the Sacramento area, and the first organized project was to raise money and buy land in the downtown area in order to build a housing project. After this endeavor was complete, the WCIC was on the way toward providing services for the poor

Recently, the latest ISSUE met with Cynthia D. Burnett, Health Programs Administrator, and Joseph Hawkins, Male Advocacy Counselor from WCIC. Primarily planned as an article regarding gay health issues within the African American community, we were impressed with the dedication to helping people help themselves, and this article will try to reflect the enormous contributions the WCIC makes to

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GLAAD Wants You, Sacramento

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has announced the resignations of its co-chairs since April, John Rodgers and Tammy Smith, as well as its Secretary John Helm and Fund Raising Chair Sonny Helm. GLAAD director-at-large Judy Ludwick and Treasurer Bill Heffner will serve as interim co-chairs.

Founded as only the third GLAAD chapter in California earlier this year, the Sacramento organization has struggled with ways to most effectively involve itself with the local--and sometimes homophobic--press.

GLAAD identifies and responds to public expressions of homophobia and bigoted, misinformed statements about lesbians and gay men, and lesbian/gay issues and activities. The group acts to educate and sensitize media representatives about violence and discrimination which is provoked by defamation, and to promote positive and accurate expressions of lesbians and gay men and community issues.

Persons interested in learning more about GLAAD are asked to contact Judy Ludwick at 429-2806 or Bill Heffner at 451-0910. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, at a location to be confirmed

Based upon review of materials submitted and/or prior knowledge of candidates positions on gay rights issues, the CAP/PAC Board of Directors endorses the following candidates for the up coming general election on November 6th and asks that your give these candidates your careful consideration and support.

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	Pete Wilson (acceptable)
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District 3	**Bob Matsui**
District 4	**Vic Fazio**
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State Senate	
District 6	**Leroy Green**
Assembly	
District 6	**Lloyd Connelly**
District 7	*no endorsement*
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PWA Files Suit Over Lost Anonymity

by **Arturo Jackson III**

The public service message by KOVR Channel 13 was entitled "AIDS In The Workplace" and was aired on January 29th of this year. A ten year Pacific Bell employee coping with an AIDS diagnosis was featured in the segment.

The Pacific Bell employee states that he was assured by KOVR representatives that his desire to remain anonymous would be respected. The man charges however that guarantees of confidentiality were broken and the ensuing damage traumatic when he suddenly found himself faced with the reality of AIDS in the workplace.

Negotiations between KOVR, the Pacific Bell employee and his attorney in reaching amicable agreements and settlement have proven unsuccessful. "A lawsuit will be filed in the courts within a few weeks," according to Michael Newcomer, the attorney representing the Pacific Bell employee.

Just prior to the incident, the Pacific Bell employee had requested the Sacramento transfer to spare his family from the horrors he perceived many associated with an AIDS diagnosis. The availability of quality health care in the Sacramento area was a factor as well when the man and his lover contemplated the decision. The transfer request was granted because of the employee's AIDS diagnosis and guideline definitions classifying AIDS as a terminal illness. The Pacific Bell employee was elated upon receiving notice that the transfer request had been approved and looked forward to his first day at the Sacramento office.

Within hours of arriving at the Sacramento jobsite, the Pacific Bell employee was approached by management and KOVR Channel 13 representatives. Their concept was to report on corporate America's response to the epidemic by allowing viewers a glimpse into the life of an employee living with AIDS and his typical workday at Pacific Bell. The newly transferred Pacific Bell employee was seen as the ideal candidate to star in the public service message. The representative stating during that initial meeting, "we don't want an AIDS victim," but rather a person living with the disease. The Pacific Bell employee saw the opportunity to speak publicly regarding his own AIDS diagnosis as way to help others in the same predicament while protecting his own privacy. He would later regret the day the KOVR segment was filmed.

> "I felt deceived and betrayed when I saw the piece air"

"I felt deceived and betrayed when I saw the piece air," exclaimed the employee, adding, "I was so angry at the injustice I felt had been done to me." The airing of the segment identified the Pacific Bell employee to viewers with only a haphazard effort to conceal the man's identity. Suddenly, the newly transferred employee found himself the talk of the office among the almost 100 co-workers when he reported to work the next day.

The Pacific Bell employee noticed the change in his co-workers attitude as many of those who had once been friendly grew distant and silent. A few confided to him that many were now afraid to speak to him because of their own fears surrounding AIDS. One co-worker told the Pacific Bell employee that a woman who had been friendly to the man the previous week confronted her about his condition. "Is it true that he has AIDS?" she asked. When the co-worker answered in the affirmative, the woman responded, "I don't want to get to know him because I don't deal well with death." When the conversation was relayed to the Pacific Bell employee, he remembers feeling like an AIDS victim rather than a person living with the disease. "I was devastated and felt traumatized", the Pacific Bell employee emphasized.

The News Director of KOVR, Mike Ferring stated "we tried to be extremely sensitive about people with AIDS and their needs and concerns. Unfortunately, because of the potential of a lawsuit, I cannot comment any further at this time." The final question, "How much is a person's privacy worth?", according to the employee's attorney may be decided in the courts.

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Stan Hadden to Speak at 1990 Lambda Awards

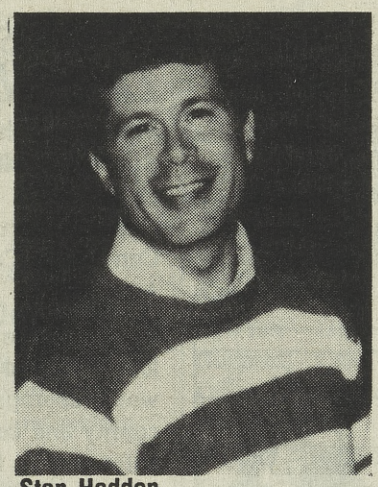
by **Ken Topper**

On Thursday, October 25th, the River City Democratic Club will be celebrating their 7th Annual Lambda Awards Dinner. The Awards dinner, a Sacramento Tradition, is an evening of entertainment and acknowledgment.

RCDC developed this event to publicly recognize the many contributions made by individuals in our community.

The key-note speaker for the evening is one of Sacramento's most committed and involved leaders, Stan Hadden. Stan's numerous accomplishments and present leadership roles in the political and public arenas should provide for an exciting evening.

In just a short time Stan will be celebrating a decade with the California Legislature. Stan has been involved since the inception of AB 1 protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination, through the difficult challenges brought about by AIDS, to involvement designing local communities response mechanisms caring for the indigent, sick, dying and the living.



Stan Hadden.

Stan contributes his high level of energy and his consistent leadership roles to the travail of being raised on a farm and the training he received while serving in the United States Air Force. In the military, Stan was part of what is called the Super Troop. He received rapid promotions and, most importantly, came out. Coming Out, according to Stan, gave him an understanding of who he is. He took that opportunity to re-focus the incredible energy being used to hold that closet door closed and turn it into something more productive, more meaningful.

"I began to see the awareness that AIDS was bringing in our community. The gay press first, community organizations forming second, following with intense education, and prevention programs, this allowed the community to take a good look at itself. Government had very little to do in responding to the issues of AIDS, at least in the beginning, it was a local community issue, an issue of compassion and behaviors." Stan said.

Community involvement has been a major playing field for Stan and for the variety of individuals being acknowledged on October 25.

This community has many individuals who have been extremely generous in their remarkable contributions, and RCDC takes great pride in this gesture of thanks, and deserved recognition.

Those being given theme awards are Gary Miller, Linda Birner, Dr. Elizabeth Harrison, Norm Frohwein, and Merrill and Muriel Follansbee. Additionally, recognition is also being given to The Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Wayne Wilson, Lee Nichols, Arturo Jackson III, Ron Robie, Bobbette, Willis Bennett and Robert Bequette, Sonya Cox, Paul Davis, and Lady Garnet and Leonard Harris.

The evening will begin with social activities at 5:30 p.m. and dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. in the El Dorado Room of the Sacramento Community Center on J Street. If you are interested in obtaining more information about the dinner, or want to reserve tickets call 916-682-8948.

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Take Time to Read Before You Vote

Proposition Questions Need Some Light

by **Ken Topper**

Just when you thought it was safe to go to the ballot boxes and understand the issues, along comes an overwhelming number of initiatives, city measures, county measures, and a myriad of players running for elected office.

Not only will it take a degree in law to decipher the issues behind the print, but it will take breakfast if not the lunch hour to vote. While this may seem to be an exaggeration, think back to when the last time you received a ballot and walked out after voting, not feeling you may have confused one measure with another, or I think I voted for what's-its-name,...it happens!

There's a way to take the edge off, and its not so new. I'm talking about Voting By Mail, or VBM. Its easy and its simple. All you have to do is contact the County Registrar of Voters office at 916-366-2960 and request an Absentee Ballot. Now you have the time to sit, relax, and take your time filling out the ballot. No more worry about that big line behind you and is it your fault. Stop concerning yourself about taking your time. Think through your decisions and vote consciously, not hurriedly.

Just as a tease before election day on Tuesday, November 6th the following is a list of the propositions you'll be voting on:

Proposition 124, Hospital Districts

Sponsor - Assemblymember Tim Leslie
Support - California Hospital Districts
Oppose - Calif. Assoc. of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors

Would allow the Legislature to authorize local hospital districts to acquire and own stock of corporations engaging in any health care related business. Would give district hospitals same investment access as private hospitals.

Proposition 125, Rail Transit Funding

Sponsor - Assemblymember Jim Costa
Support - Calif. Transportation Commission, Calif. Chamber of Commerce
Oppose - Auto Club of Southern Calif., Dump Truck Owners Association

Without increasing taxes it will authorize expenditures from the monies raised from state-imposed taxes on motor vehicle fuels,a nd rail transit equipment which operate on exclusive public mass guide ways.

Proposition 126, Alcohol Tax

Sponsor - Assem. Dominic Cortese
Support - Calif. Teachers Association, Calif. Wine Institute
Oppose - California Police Chiefs Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, et al...

Provides an increase of revenues to the State General Fund through taxation of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Could raise a possible $1 billion over 10 years to public schools, but does not guarantee one dollar for alcohol and drug use education or programs impacted by alcohol abuse nor for enforcement of drunk driving laws.

Proposition 127, Earthquake Safety

Sponsor - Senator Don Rogers
Support - None
Oppose - None

Would authorize the Legislature to exclude from property tax assessment construction or installation of earthquake safety improvements in existing buildings.

Proposition 128, Environment

Sponsor - Assemblyman Tom Hayden Assemblyman Lloyd Connelly, et al...
Support - National Wildlife Federation, Calif. League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club

Known as the Big Green initiative it would require a regulation of pesticide use to protect food and agricultural worker safety. Would phase out use on food of pesticides know to cause cancer, reproductive harm, or that potentially deplete the ozone layer. Requires oil spill prevention contingency plans.

Proposition 129, Drug Enforcement

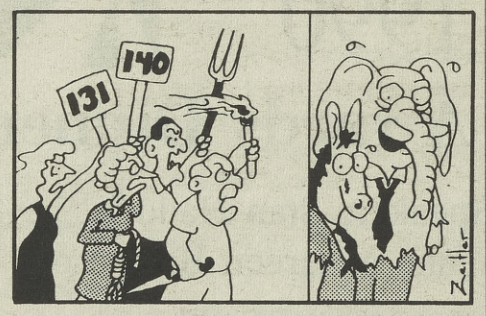
Sponsor - John K. Van De Kamp
Support - Calif. Abortion Rights Action League
Oppose - Paul Gann Citizens Committee, Calif. Taxpayers' Association

By closing unfair corporate tax loopholes and not raising taxes it would appropriate funds to state, county and city governments for drug enforcement, treatment and gang related purposes. Would confront certain state tax laws to federal tax laws.

Proposition 130, Forest Acquisition

Sponsor - Thomas Lippe
Support - Audobon Society Sierra Club, Assoc. of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics, et al...
Oppose - Calif. Licensed Foresters Association, California Labor Federation, et al...

Would authorize a 10 year program and moratorium to public acquisition of designated ancient forests. Requires state funded compensation and a retraining program for loggers displaced by new regulations and acquisitions.



Proposition 131, Term Limits

Sponsor - John K. Van De Kamp
Support - Common Cause
Oppose - Congress of Calif. Seniors Calif. Business League, Calif. Council of Police and Sheriffs

Limits statewide officials to eight successive years in office and would place taxpayer dollars into political campaigns without regards to individual voter party or opinion of the person running for election.

Proposition 132, Marine Resources

Sponsor - Assemblywoman Doris Allen
Support - Marine Mammal Fund
Oppose - Fishermen's Union of America, AFL-CIO

Establishes a Marine Protection Zone within three miles of the coast of Southern California. Would prohibit the use of gill or trammel nets that which break free of fishing boats and roam the seas as ghost nets taking up to 400 years for their monofilament mesh to biodegrade.

Proposition 133, Anti-Drug

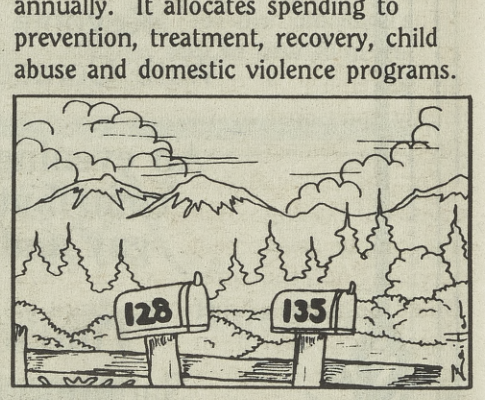
Sponsor - Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy
Support - Calif. Police Chiefs Association, Sheriffs Association, et al...
Oppose - Paul Gann's Citizens Committee

Would increase sales and use tax 1/2 cent for four years to be place in a special Safe Street Fund, which will direct the funds to a variety of anti-drug programs including but not limited to specialized programs within the public school system.

Proposition 134, Alcohol Surtax

Sponsor - Andrew McGuire
Support - California Council on Alcohol Problems, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Peace Officers' Association et al...
Oppose - Calif. State Firemen's Association, Taxpayers' Association, Teachers Association

Would Establish an Alcohol Surtax Fund in the State Treasury for the placement of revenues gained through an excise tax on alcohol increased annually. It allocates spending to prevention, treatment, recovery, child abuse and domestic violence programs.



Proposition 135, Pesticides

Sponsor - David L. Moore, et al...
Support - California Farm Bureau Federation, California Grocers Association
Oppose - Sierra Club, Calif. League of Conservation voters, Natural Resources Defense Council

Creates a variety of task forces and fact finding advisory panels to develop reports and recommendations on the cause and effects of pesticides. Shifts

the cost of pesticide testing from the chemical and pesticide industry to the taxpayer. Implements a safe pesticide use policy that results in safe food and effective cancer prevention.

Proposition 136, State, Local Taxation

Sponsor - Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, National Taxpayers Union
Oppose - League of California Cities, Calif. State PTA, League of Women Voters of California, et al...

Sets requirements regarding new or increased special taxes within this and future ballot years.

Proposition 137, Initiatives and Referendum

Sponsor - Joel Fox, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
Support - Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, Paul Gann's Citizens Committee
Oppose - California Teachers Association, Congress of Calif. Seniors Calif. Assoc. of Highway Patrolmen

Would prohibit the legislature from effecting initiative petition circulation procedures. Basically would require an initiative to approve initiatives.

Proposition 138, Forestry Programs

Sponsor - George A. Craig
Support - Calif. Licensed Foresters Assoc., Redwood Region Conservation Council
Oppose - Sierra Club, National Wildlife federation, Audobon Society et al...

Authorizes a general obligation bond to sund programs for loans or grants to public entities and other for forest and park restoration. Limits timber cutting practices.

Proposition 139, Prison Inmate Labor

Sponsor - Gov. George Deukmejian
Support - Calif. Correctional Peace Officers Assoc., Coalition of Victims Equal Rights
Oppose - Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, Calif. Labor Federation

Would permit state prison and county jail officials to contract with public entities, businesses for inmate labor. Makes inmate wages subject to deductions for taxes, room and board, lawful restitution fines, victim compensation and family support. Allows a ten percent wage tax credit for inmate employers.

Proposition 140, Term Limits and Spending

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Limits the term of elected office and would limit legislative spending. It places restrictions on the voter and the right to freely choose a public representative. Would disallow an individual from running for a position after the term limitation including being excluded from a write-in ballot. Reduces the number of staff per representative while the number of people represented within the district continues to grow.

Consolidation Presents a Hard Choice For Voters

by **Stacy Selmants**

The issue of a city/county merger presents a dilemma to voters, because the arguments presented by both proponents and opponents contain serious flaws, and offer only theoretical, not practical solutions of how to tame runaway development and still provide the same level of services.

The issue, on the ballot on November 6 as Measure S, was the subject of a forum on September 30, at the Townhouse, jointly sponsored by CAP/PAC and the River City Democratic Club.

For the uninitiated, a merger would revise our existing system of separate city and county government, programs and services. Under the current proposal, there would be a twelve member Council of Supervisors, elected on a district-wide basis. These Supervisors would be responsible for regional land use planning, budgets and other issues. The second tier of government would be the provided by twenty Local Community Councils (LCCs), of five members each, who would be responsible for the more mundane planning decisions, which would be subject to final approval by the Council of Supervisors.

Proponents state that consolidation would have tremendous financial advantages, including stemming the loss of sales tax revenue as more of the unincorporated county pushes to incorporate as separate communities. (Citrus Heights' recent struggles for "independence" via incorporation is a good example.) Also there are long-term advantages if there is a stronger regional approach to land-use planning taken before it is too late. By bringing the entire county under the auspices of a large unified body, planning can be achieved in a more comprehensive manner and the infrastructure for the developing county as a whole can be more equalized.

Proponents at the CAP/PAC forum included Supervisor Illa Collin, Tina Thomas, local attorney and member of the Ad Hoc Charter Commission, and Rosemary Metrailer, attorney and member of the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission. All stressed the economic benefits inherent in streamlining government, as well as retaining tax revenues, associated with county-wide incorporation. They also pointed to increased citizen involvement in government, especially for women and minorities, and addressed the local neighborhood planning.

According to Metrailer, " I'm sure you've heard of NIMBY (Not in My Backyard) and the local community councils are bound by the 'fair share' plan... every neighborhood has to take its share of community services. So we won't have local neighborhoods saying, "It's not going to happen here.'"

Opponents, including City Council Member Tom Chinn, (who was also on the panel) worry that affirmative action policies and other programs affecting minorities, including gays and lesbians, will suffer. "The idea sounds great," Chinn warned. "As I look into the implementation, there's not one thing I like about it."

Other politicians, also minorities, have gone on record to express their similar concerns about the future of minorities under the new system. Joe Serna, City Council Member, was quoted recently as saying, " If you're going to elect an ethnic minority out of places like Citrus Heights, it's going to have be a very unique person. I just don't think it's going to happen."

Supervisor Grantland Johnson, quoted in the same Sacramento Bee article, pointed out that the opportunity to serve on LCCcs does not provide political access to power for minorities. "the LCC's are fundamentally the vehicle for giving parochial interests political power. They won't be any more empowering than fire districts or water districts. To hang your hat on that, I think, is absurd."

Both sides have valid and invalid points. The public will be given the opportunity to vote for either financial protection for the county and a method to implement sensible land use planning or a retention of political access and clout for minorities. It's a dilemma: to go with our heads or our hearts.

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scheduled to speak was unable to attend, Mayor Rudin stepped in, using the opportunity to slam The Sacramento Union and its homophobic reporting. A Liberace impersonator and the Sacramento Men's Chorus rounded out the day with an evening performance to benefit National Coming Out Day.

Our inexhaustible mayor appeared again that evening at Faces to accept a $4,000 check for Hope House from funds raised at the 1990 Rainbow Festival. The Rainbow Festival committee also presented a check for $3,500

Mayor Anne Rudin attended all NCOD events on October 11.

to Jerry Sloan for the Lambda Community Center.

As the day came to a close, the realization struck that although many people were disappointed in the removal of the flag from the state capitol, Governor Deukmejian's action brought National Coming Out Day and gay rights to the forefront of the media, which was the best thing he could have done for National Coming Out Day.

Kate Moore

The rainbow flag was flown at Plaza Park across from City Hall.

Gay Veteran, John Wright.

Media Review

Because of the "flag flap" as the capitol rainbow flag controversy was quickly dubbed, local media covered National Coming Out Day as never before. Accuracy and levels of sensitivity varied greatly, however, from one medium to the next. My personal ratings, beginning with the best are:

Channel 13 - First place, for taking the time to explain the meaning of National Coming Out Day.

The Sacramento Bee - Second place, for front page, in-depth coverage.

Channel 3 - Third place, for a well-researched, well-reported story.

The Sacramento Union Fourth place, for surprisingly well-balanced front page coverage.

Channel 10 - Fifth place, rating very low for lack of sensitivity in following National Coming Out Day coverage with an AIDS molestor story.

Channel 40 - Dead last, for airing little but hateful, gay-bashing from our detractors.

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Eagle Scout Lawsuit Begins

by **Keith Clark**

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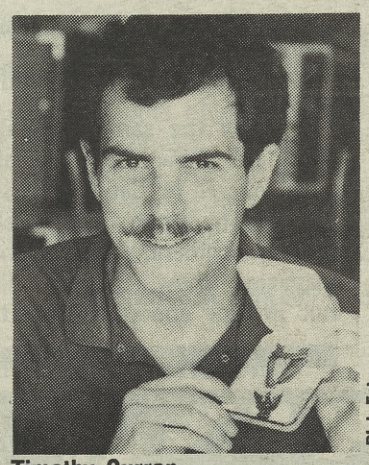
- Boy Scouts of America oath

LOS ANGELES - Straight - at least in the sexual sense - was the one thing that Timothy Curran could not be for the Boy Scouts 10 years ago when when the 13,000 member Mount Diablo Council of Boy Scouts in Walnut Creek kicked him out because he is gay.

Now, a decade after filing his original lawsuit, Curran's case has opened in Superior Court here.

Curran, a video journalist in Los Angeles, is a former Oakland resident and became a member of Troop 37 in Berkeley at the age of 14. During the next three years he was an active Scout, Curran became a member of the Order of the Arrow, a reporter with the National Jamboree's annual newspaper. He received over 20 merit badges, including the Scouts' highest award, the Eagle Scout badge.

During his work as an Scout, Curran also helped organize a troop in Oakland for deaf children, one of only a handful such troops in the country. The trial has been delayed in getting underway because of complex legal technicalities and lengthy pretrial appeals.



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Timothy Curran.

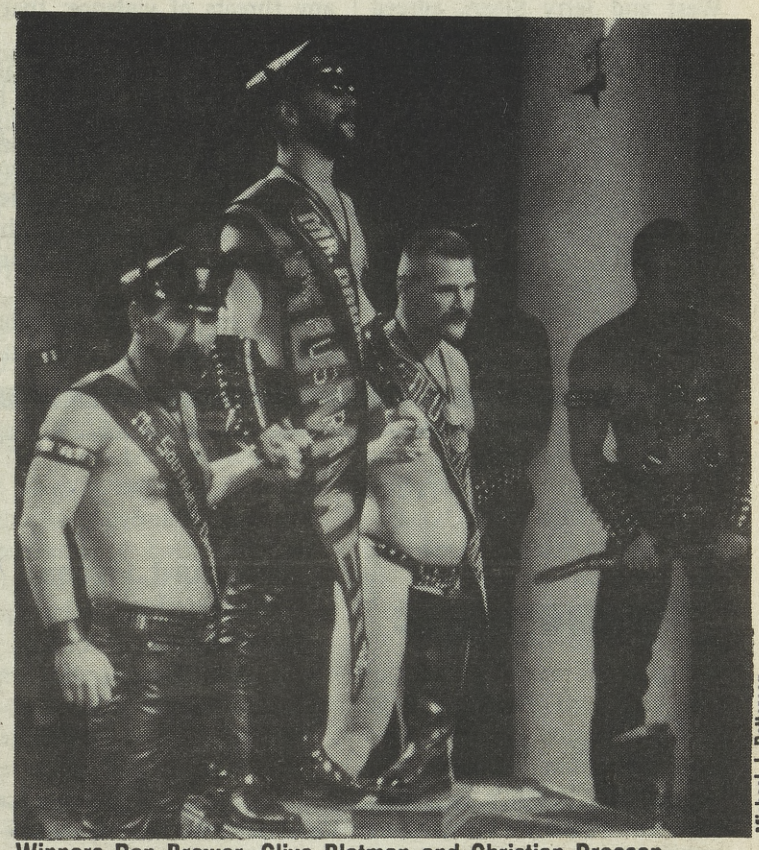
But after being seen in an "Oakland Tribune" series on young gays and lesbians where he had been featured after he took a male date to his senior high school prom, Mount Diablo Council executive director Quentin Alexander barred Curran from the organization, saying "homosexuality and Boy Scouting are not compatible"

After moving the Los Angeles to attend college, Curran filed a discrimination lawsuit seeking a permanent injunction against the Mount Diablo Council. It is the first legal case of its kind against the organization with 4.3 million Scouts and 1.1 million volunteer adults.

Jon Davidson, senior staff counsel for the ACLU of Southern California, which is representing Curran, is arguing that the Boy Scouts violated the equal public accommodations section of the state's Civil Rights Act in ordering Curran out of the Scout troop.

The Boy Scouts contend the youth group is a private organization exempt from the state's anti-discrimination legislation. The Boy Scouts are also defending their policy barring gays because "homosexuality is inconsistent with the family values that Scouting stresses, and ... homosexuals do not make good role models for preadolescent and adolescent youth."

Curran has persisted in his suit in part because he doesn't want the same thing happening to other gay Scouts in the future and in part because he still deeply believes in Scouting and wants to become a troop leader. "The fact that people are different makes America the country that it is," he said.



Michael J. Patterson

Winners Ron Brewer, Clive Platman and Christian Dreesen.

Mr. Drummer Contest Final Event of
Folsom Street Fair

by **Ben Dover**

Leather lovers from all over the world descended on San Francisco in late September for Leather Pride Week and the various activities associated with it.

On Cable Cars, in fancy restaurants and throughout the city, there seemed to be just a little more leather than usual. And at the functions

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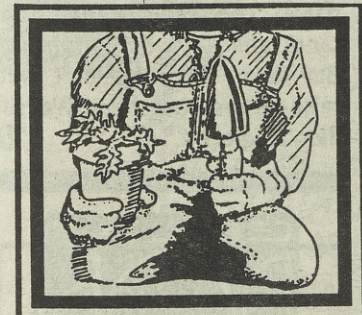

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weeks."

The adult facilitators of the youth group, including Camille West and Jerry Sloan, agreed that the meeting had provided the teens a way of releasing anger and expressing their feelings to Chan. Sloan and West, however, were less than enthusiastic about the perceived sincerity of Channel 10's apology. Both expressed similar "wait and see" sentiments about future potential alliances with the station.

In a phone conversation with Chan, he vehemently denied saying that he opted to cancel the segment after receiving death threats at the station and at home. "No, I didn't receive any threats of violence; that's not why we didn't run it."

He explained that not threats of violence, but the risk of jeopardizing the station's FCC license prompted the abrupt "kill" order. "It's not whether we were right or wrong, but the matter could tie the station up in court for years."

Later in the conversation Chan conceded that other station personnel HAD received threats of violence, but that he had not, only "I got the typical right wing stuff, 'You will burn in hell,' and I don't pay attention to that."

(Chan became very defensive when it was suggested that he had already contradicted his earlier statements during the same conversation. "You didn't ask whether others had received threats, just me. You didn't ask about the others. You're just trying to put words in my mouth.")

The decision was not made to cancel the segment until the morning of the show, according to both David Lang, Acting General Manager of KXTV, and Chan. "Yes, I did respond to reactions from the public. But I always looked at the piece as a trial balloon. When I saw the piece, I said, 'maybe.' That morning, I had to make a decision, and frankly I sat back and punted."

> "No I didn't receive any threats... that's not why we didn't run it"

Some of the same rationale about the show's lack of "balance" offered by Lang was also provided by Chan. Both felt that the segment, as part of the magazine show, Scratch, did not provide enough "context" to include it in an entertainment format. "We didn't want get into a licensing dispute over what is supposed to be a entertainment, not a news show."

When asked to explain why the segment, if not news, was later shown on the 11 o'clock news on Friday, September 28, Chan pointed to the addition of "intervention" phone numbers and a lead-in by anchor Dick Cable which provided the "context" missing in its earlier incarnation.

Camille West, the facilitator of the gay youth rap group, feels differently. At the meeting, she expressed an angry rebuttal to the station's decision to move the program to the news. "When I heard that it had been cancelled, I thought, 'I expected this. And we'll deal with it.' But then I saw the show Friday night and became very angry. Because I saw those kids up there like some kind of freak show on the evening news."

Queried a week later about the possibility of doing another gay teen show with KXTV, West just growled. "Every time I think about it I just get angry all over again."

Chan supplied some of his own brand of outrage at the unfair attacks he feels both the station and he have received about the issue. "What makes me mad about you people," he fumed, "Is that you wouldn't even be HAVING this conversation with any other television station. They're not taking any risks. The station that gives the most gets hammered the most. And I heard the tape from the meeting. I am not homophobic; I am not a racist. I'm a minority, and I am sensitive to minority issues. I can't address the concerns of people who say I'm homophobic, until I can face them."

Chan also offered the reminder that it was his suggestion to do a focus on gay teens, and he didn't really expect the extent of the negative backlash the station received. "Maybe I was naive. The producer (Ken Kentano) and I are both from the Bay Area. They wouldn't even raise an eyebrow there. We just didn't expect it."

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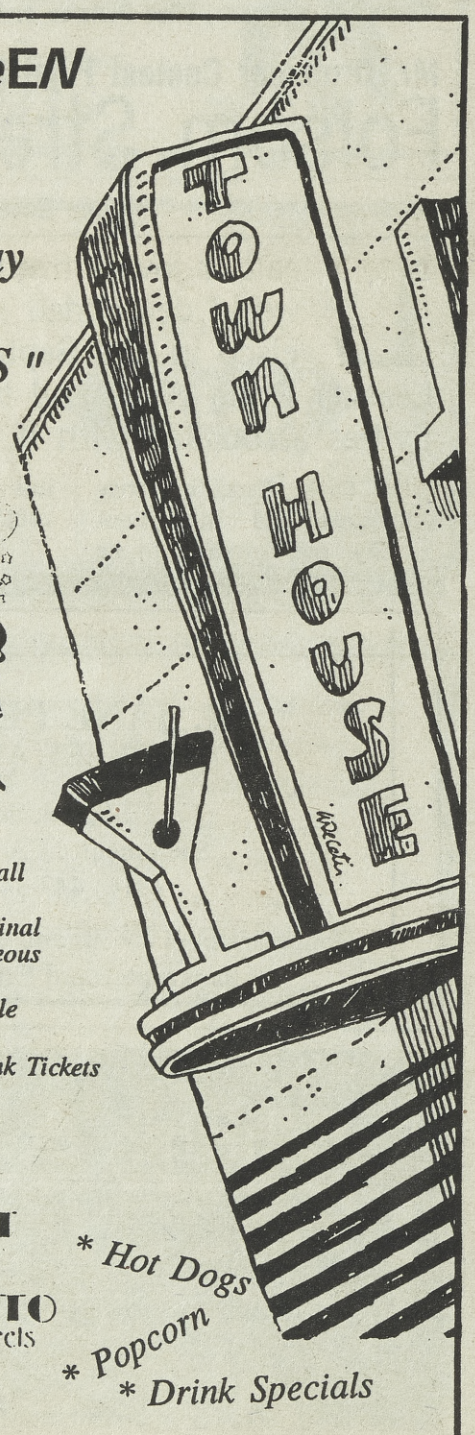

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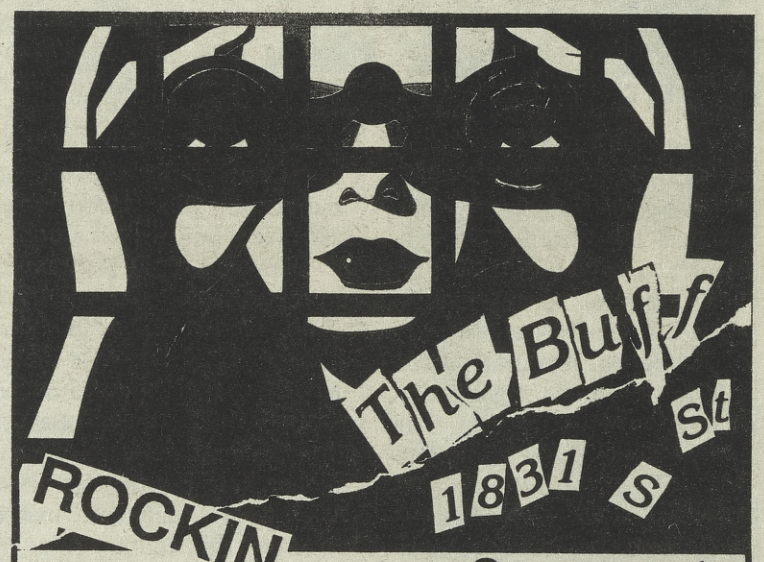

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Prayer Warriors Coming to Town

SAN FRANCISCO -- Larry Lea leads a group of some 70 charismatic churches around the country, and had seclared "spiritual warfare" on San Francisco's citywide Halloween party this year.

Lea told some 250 pastors from Northern California that the frontal assault on San Francisco's Halloween street festivities would help exorcise the "strong spirits of perversion and greed".

Whether or not Lea can turn out his usual thousands and whether or not it will be confrontational of course remains to be seen.

Keith Clark

Gallagher "Hates" Gays, Lesbians

The Los Angeles agent for comedian Gallagher has said the comedian "hates lesbians and gay men and is fearful that his newborn son could contract AIDS because "gay men are spreading AIDS." The statement from Gary Propper was made in a phone conversation to Zane Blaney of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

The statement was in response to Gallagher's performance on August 4 at Caesar's Tahoe. During the performance, two gay men walked out after feeling the comedian's jokes were inciting the audience to violence. "As a good American," Gallagher stated "I wouldn't burn any flags, but I might burn a couple of fags." In response to complaints from GLAAD members, Caesar's Tahoe has stated that it does not support this kind of "comedy." Caesar's also refunded the price of two tickets to the gay patrons who had walked out of the show.

San Francisco Sentinel

NY Blocks Attacks on Phone Sex

A federal court last week blocked implementation of a new law that would have restricted phone callers' access to "dial-a-porn" numbers, marking a stunning victory for advocates of free speech and ensuring the continued viability of phone sex in the lesbian and gay community. In the ruling, the court found that the phone-sex law, enacted last fall as an amendment to the 1934 Federal Communications Act, will probably be ruled unconstitutional on the grounds that it violates First Amendment rights and does not advance the government's compelling interest through the least restrictive means, a standard legal test in such cases.

The Washington Blade

NIAID's Findings on Hyperthermia

A team from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease said last week that "there appears to be no clinical, immunologic, or virologic support" for the use of blood heating as a treatment for AIDS or Kaposi's sarcoma.

The treatment, called hyperthermia, made national news in July after it was reported that one man with AIDS who underwent the treatment in February had a complete remission of his Kaposi's sarcoma. Another man who later underwent the same treatment showed no improvement. A third was treated in Mexico and died, but his case was not mentioned in the report.

The team, made up of three researchers from NIAID, one expert in hyperthermia, and the medical adviser for Gay Men's Health Crisis, reviewed all the data.

The team decided there was not enough evidence to prove that the treatment had any effect because both men are still antibody positive and have suppressed immune systems. In addition, the team said there was no evidence from tissue samples take before the treatment that the first man ever really had Kaposi's sarcoma.

The team said there appears to be no evidence that hyperthermia is a viable treatment for AIDS and there is no evidence that further experimentation is warranted.

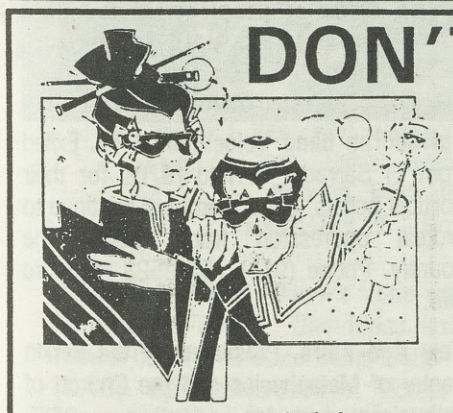
Southern Voice

Fifth California City Adds Benefits

The Laguna Beach, Ca., City Council unanimously approved an ordinance August 8 that makes medical and dental coverage benefits available to the domestic partners of same-sex and unmarried opposite-sex couples of municipal workers.

Like many other domestic partners ordinances around the country, the new Laguna Beach law requires partners to file a form with the city testifying that they are not related by blood, that they are both mentally competent and that they will notify the city personnel office of any change in their relationship. The affidavit also requires that the couple has lived together for at least six months and intends to continue living together.

Partners



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Support Group for HIV Positive Individuals. No charge to participants. Sponsored by Placer AIDS Foundation. Call 889-2437 for more info.

Jazzworks. A dance company opens ninth season, opening with "Dance Deco". 8p.m., with 2:30 p.m. matinee scheduled for Sat., Oct 27. Tickets: $8 genera; $6 students and seniors; $4 for children under 12. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th Street. Reserve tickets by calling 483-4017. **Oct 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, Nov 1, 2, 3.**

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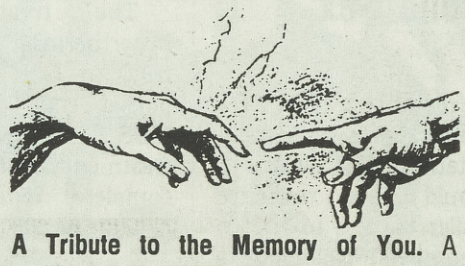

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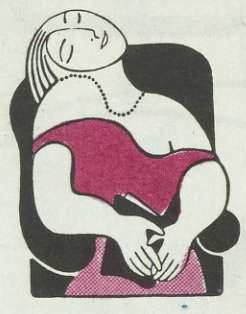

Erotic Reading Circle. Take the edge off of autumn's nip! Join the reading circle as we continue our quest to redefine "erotica" in our own terms. 7-9 p.m. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St. San Francisco.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Sacramento Chapter meeting will feature the Sacramento Gay/Lesbian Speakers Bureau St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way (corner of Lusk Ave.), 7:30 p.m. Call 444-9510.

TUESDAYS

"Being Gay Today." 10 p.m. on Cable 63. One hour of lesbian and gay programs from around the country and beyond. Repeat broadcasts on Thursdays.

18 thursday

Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento (GLAS). Features Ex-Ex Gays Speak Out; 8:30 p.m. Call Brian (441-7305)

Lambda Students for Political Equality. Advocacy for lesbians, bisexuals, gays. CSUS University Union, 3rd Floor. Call Brian Polegis 443-1765, Jennifer Greenman 456-3469.

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19 friday

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20 saturday

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21 sunday

Salvadoran band Yolocamba I Ta. Exiled from El Salvador in mid-1970s for their political beliefs, band members continue to protest oppression from outside the country. Phone (916) 752-2523 for more info.

New Age Faire. Presented by the Serkin Center of Metaphysics and the Church of Enthusiasm and Joy. 12-5 p.m. 2755 Cottage Way, Suite 11. Admission is free. Phone: 456-5685 or 489-7503.

SUNDAYS

Dignity/Sacramento Catholic and non-Catholic, gay and non-gay, seeking a more constructive relationship between the Church and lesbians and gays. All are welcome! 3 p.m., St. Francis Church, 26th & K Streets. **2nd & 4th Sundays of each month**

November

22 monday

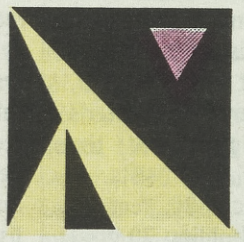
National Theatre of the Deaf is being brought to campus by UC Davis Presents, to perform a sparkling adaptation of Robert Nathan's comic and endearing novel, "One More Spring." Freeborn Hall, UC Davis campus, 8 p.m. Call (916) 752-2523 for more info.

23 tuesday

Lesbian Relationships Seminar 6 p.m. CSUS campus, Placer Room, University Union. It is facilitated by Kate Guzman, LCSW, who specializes in win/win relationships. Phone: 278-7388.

Costume Making Workshop, at the Institute for Design and Experimental Art; intended to enable participants to produce an exciting and original cos-tume for Halloween. Fee is $25; bring any materials you may need. 3414 4th Ave. Phone 452-0949 by 10/20.

25 thursday



7th Annual Lambda Community Awards Dinner. Sacramento Community Center. Tickets available from officers of RCDC during the month of October. Call Ed Condon 682-8948.

The New York Trumpet Ensemble. Music of baroque, classical, new music and jazz genres. 8 p.m. at UC Davis' Freeborn Hall. Tickets from $7-$13. Call (916) 752-2523 for more info.

San Francisco Jazz Festival '90. Basie on the Bay, Herbie Hancock and a tribute to Nat King Cole among the many great acts during this wild weekend of Jazz. Tickets available through Bass ticket outlets. Oct 25 - Nov. 4

Playwright Terry Baum's one-woman farce, "One Fool". One funny lesbian. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St., SF. 8pm performances. Tickets $8. Phone (415) 861-7933.
Thurs-Sun, Oct 25 - Nov 18

26 friday

Reading by Nona Caspers, author of Voyages Out 2: Lesbian Short Fiction. Lioness Books, 2224 J Street. 7 p.m. Phone: 442-4657.

The Sacramento Gender Association. Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. Dinner social at 8 p.m. Phone: 649-9248.

27 saturday

Music by Joey, Presents!!! A Trick-or-Treat dance for women by women. La Bar and Restaurant, 6339 Mack Road. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Cover $5.00.

Lady Garnett and the "Do-Cats" will perform a special Halloween variety show at 9 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. Judging at 10:30, cash prizes. Phone: 649-9248.

28 sunday

An Anniversary Costume Party. Prizes! for best costume. 8 p.m.; judging at 11:30 p.m. The Incredible Edible, 1401 Alhambra.

30 tuesday

Desert Song (Music Circus). Sigmund Romberg's glorious tale of romance and intrigue. Spectacular sets, magnificent costumes.
Oct 30 - Nov 4

31 wednesday

Halloween--Come to the Circus! $$ prizes for best all-'round, scariest, funniest, best couple, most unusual. 8 p.m. judging at 9 p.m. The Townhouse, 1517 21st St.

Fantasy Festival Finals at Faces 2000 K Street. Prizes will be awarded for best all-round and best Wizard of Oz. 448-7798.

1 thursday

Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Sacramento (GLAS) on Politics and Gay Rights, Sac State University, 8:30 p.m. in the California Suite. For info call Brian at 441-7304.

2 friday

Jean-Efflam Bavouset, pianist performs at Kleiber Hall on UC Davis campus at 8 p.m. Call (916) 752-2523 for more info.

6 tuesday

Vote! Get out and make your vote count. Remember; if you don't vote, don't bitch.

"Outlook" - lesbian/gay video show (first Tues of every month), 10 p.m., Cable 63 in Sacramento. New activist group, Queer Nation; something spooky for Halloween.

Distant Lands: 19th Century Prints from the Collection. UC Davis Entry Gallery, the Fine Arts Collection, 125 Art Bldg. Open to the public Mon-Fri 12-5pm, Sundays 2-5pm.
Nov 6 - Dec 14

8 thursday

"Outlook" - lesbian/gay video show (first Thurs of every month), 9p.m., Cable 63 in Sacramento. Queer Nation, repeat broadcast. "Outlook" is shown as part of Being Gay Today. Call (415) 861-9940 for more info.

9 friday

Sacramento Symphony. Walter Proost, conductor. Symphony No. 101; Bernstein's "On the Town"; and Beethoven's Sixth Symphony. Tickets from $13-40, available at Community Center box office, 14th & L Streets (449-5181), BASS/TM outlets. **Nov 9-11**

10 saturday

Cris Williamson in Solo Anniversary Concert. "The Changer and the Changed" was artist-composer Williamson's first album recorded for Olivia Records. She will perform "The Changer" in a solo concert at 8 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall, Berkeley. Tickets are $22, $20, and $18, available from Olivia Records (415-655-0364) BASS (415-762-2277, and Zellerbach (415-642-9988).

Plan-It In Advance

To list your events in the Daily Plan-it, send a brief description of the event along with any graphic images you may have before the 5th of each month to: **the latest ISSUE** P.O. Box 160584 Sacramento, CA 95816.

LETTERS

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I am Appalled

Editor,

Re: "Woman assaulted near bar as onlookers cheer," Monday, September 24. I am appalled by the assault on two women as they walked to their car. Four young men under the age of 21 assaulted the women pushing one to the ground, pulling her clothes off, while onlookers cheered. I am appalled. I am disgusted. However, I am not surprised. I am not surprised because we live in a culture where young men are taught to dominate women, and women are still fighting for the right to their own bodies. Ask yourself if this had been two white men being assaulted by four black men -- would the onlookers have cheered? Or if it had been two heterosexual men being assaulted by four homosexual men, would the onlookers have cheered?

The ERA still has not been passed. A woman's right to choose whether or not to have an abortion is still in question. What has this got do with rape? Everything! Until women -- not men or the State -- own their own bodies, we will have rape.

Some may ask what were the women doing there? It really doesn't matter. Blaming the women will not stop rape. Women are not the ones doing the assaulting and they cannot stop what they re not doing. Men rape women of all ages, from six months old to ninety-nine years old, any time of the day or night, any place (though most frequently in the woman's own home).

We live in a culture where both the church and State promote rape. Any time the church or the State denies equality to women, or the right to govern their own bodies, placing women in the social position of slavery, they send the message to all men that they have a right to dominate women; hence rape. In one case they are given the authority of the Almighty; in the other case, approval of the State.

I hold the church, the State, and all men responsible for this assault, and for all sexual assaults against women. Only men and their institutions can stop or promote rape.

I am appalled, but not shocked. I challenge all men who say they love any woman -- mother, wife, sister, daughter or friend -- to actively work in support of all women's rights.

D. Dean

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UC Davis Law Students to Protest

UC Davis Lambda Law Students are sponsoring a forum featuring Matt Coles, Director of the Northern California ACLU. The discussion will focus on the Militarys discriminatory policies against gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans. The protest will take place at the UC Davis Law School, at 12 noon in the Moot Court Room. All are encouraged to attend.

Glass Sculpture to Adorn New Library

On October 22, 1990, a three-ton glass sculpture will be erected in the newly remodeled Central Library, making it Sacramento largest piece of suspended public artwork. The sculpture is named "Prismatic Coronas," and is by nationally renowned artist and designer, James Carpenter. Carpenter's sculpture, designed for the Library's galleria, consists of three rings--each 20 feet in diameter--each holding 70 glass prisms. The sculpture will be suspended 60 feet from the floor in the galleria's domed ceiling.

According to Carpenter, the three glass rings will represent the solar corona and Sacramento's three rivers. The artist wanted to integrate his artwork with Sacramento's trademark "River City" while adding to the city's changing look with sophisticated architecture and public interest in design.

Bee Says, Recycle!

In an effort to help save dwindling landfill space and educate the community on the benefits of recycling, the Sacramento Bee has established a telephone information line and a newspaper recycling center. To educate the public on the benefits of recycling, the Bee has set up a recycling hotline. Sacramento area residents can find out about neighborhood recycling programs and centers by calling the Bee's audiotex system, BeeLine, at 552-5252, category 4003. Proceeds from recycling campaign will help benefit local programs through an Environmental Fund established by the Bee.

Brad,

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Sincerely,
Barrett

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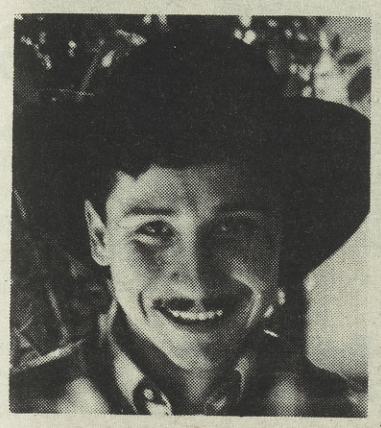

by **Dan Palomino**

After two months of journalistic hiatus where the only things I've had to write were checks to cover my spending sprees, I've listened to the clamor of my fans and have returned to inform and entertain with Rumor Has It. Succinctly stated in the words of my friend and aspiring writer, **Betty Lou,** "the Bitch is back, and no one is safe!? The poor dear; she's not as talented at writing as she believes she is, but I wouldn't dream of telling her that. Well, I've enjoyed my time away, but it's time to jump in head first into the thick of things. And I'm not the only one who's back in town -- a welcome back to my dear friend **Winston** (AKA "Wuzzy") **Weimeraner,** who spent the summer months in exile in Lake Tahoe (that'll teach him not to incur my wrath again), and welcome to **Michael Greenberg** who has returned from a year in the Grand Caymans. Rumor has it, what lured him back was "Richard fever." If that's the case, this truly IS one sick puppy.

Speaking of puppies, did you note my new picture sans my dog **Rupert** (who was my reputed ghostwriter)? You guess right. One day the petulant pooch just up and left. Although I lavished attention and doggie delicacies -- even sharing an occasional glass of champagne with this mooching mutt -- he opted for a one-way ticket into the arms of another sucker who fell for large brown eyes, a cold nose, and lots of body hair.

Have you seen the board game "How to Be a Complete Bitch"? My former friend **John S.** thought I was marketing my own invention. How ruuude!

Speaking of conflict, at this time we have deployed almost 200,00 troops in the Persian Gulf. It's not unlikely that 20,000 of these troops are gay/lesbian servicemembers serving their country with pride and honor. I wish them well as they sit between Iraq and a hard (hot) place. This is one instance where we can all agree that Saddamy *is* a dirty word. In other military news, Navy **Vice Admiral J. Donnell** (which vice is he Admiral of?) recently fired off a Navy-wide message to root out lesbian sailors , adding they are "stereotypically more aggressive and intimidating . . . . Experience shows the homosexual Navy female as hardworking, career oriented, puts in long hours, and is among the top professionals. . . ." Yes, sir, seek out the Navy's best and kick 'em out. Now you know why "military intelligence" is an oxymoron. Are you outraged? This is a great time to make a pen pal of our elected officials. Better yet, call **Boyce Hinman** at the Lambda Letters, 965-6851. Joining the **Lambda Letters Project** will make contacting elected officials a breeze while letting them know how we feel on these issues.

Speaking of **Lambda Letters,** they're raising funds by selling Entertainment '91 coupon books. For only $35, this book will save mucho bucks with two-for-one tickets for food, entertainment, and activities.

One avid letter writer is **Stan Hadden** who has done so much for the entire State. And in spite of the gossip about Stan that I'm privy to, he's earned my deepest respect and admiration. I hereby bestow on him **Louella's Lifetime Achievement Award.** We love you Stan. . . and happy birthday!

Happy first wedding anniversary to **Margi Myers** and **Tony Passarell** -- and please don't show us a video of when your first baby is born. We want to see the one showing its conception. Happy birthdays to **Cindy** who has been out of sight since her recent marriage to **Mike;** and more birthday wishes to Colleen who was recently initiated into the "Joy of Nudity" -- is that supposed to be some book club?

Happy birthday to **Frank Lawler** who turned 40, although I suspect that the "40" was a typo that was overlooked, and he's really as old as dirt. Anyway, Frank and **Linda Birner** have been inseparable chums of late, which frankly puzzles me as Linda has always been a woman of taste. Can this be an autumn romance? Stay tuned as I bring you more sizzling details next month.

I joined **Kim Mueller** and the **River City Democratic Club** at their western theme fundraiser for **Dianne Feinstein** on Oct. 11. Come to find out they raised $2080 for Di. Ye haw Democrats! Man-about-town **Denny Mangers** threw a tres fabulous 50th birthday party for a few hundred of his closest friends last weekend. The cake had a body builder design and was sweet and mouthwatering on the inside -- sounds like it was hubby **Steve Winlock's** fantasy.

Speaking of body builders, have you seen Sacramento Men's Chorusmember **Jeff Goldman** lately? He's gone from former weakling to hot and studly meatmuffin over the last few months. I suspect there is a valve tucked away that reads, "Inflate me to 50 psi." The thought of Jeff saying, "Inflate this, baby," is quite scary. Just kidding Jeff -- you look great!

The one Halloween Party that is a must-attend is the **Men's Chorus Hellfire Masquerade Ball** on October 27, with "Trapped in a Science Fiction Movie" as its theme. For details, look for their ad elsewhere in this issue.

Greetings to my rival, the "other" columnist Hedda Hopper **(John Batchelor).** After seeing a photo of him with a bag over his face, I think a body bag would have been more becoming. Consider that as my suggestion for a costume, Hedda.

A hearty welcome to **Trisha Harper** who's the Lambda Community Center's new Executive Director. I hope to meet her at the annual **Lambda Awards Dinner** on October 25, when we honor the best and brightest of our community while getting a chance to dress up in our most fashionable ensembles -- and please, fake furs only, unless you first asked and received permission from a poor critter to take its pelt.

You don't have to be fitness fanatic to exercise your right to vote. And yes, I will be voting for DiFi in the elections next month. Seen along Highway 5: Remember comic and perennial presidential candidate **Pat Paulsen?** I saw a sign that said "Pat Paulsen for County Clerk." It's good to know that after 25 years, Pat has finally become realistic about his political aspirations.

Congrats to the Sacramento Team that hosted the **13th California Men's Gathering.** It was a wonderful nurturing experience as we learned to relate to one another without the traditional confines of gender identification. Its theme "Unmaking Ourselves," was certainly relevant a few days later, when we celebrated **National Coming Out Day** (October 11). Sacramento saw the Rainbow flag flying with pride all over the city -- including the Capitol Building! (Thanks to **Ken Topper and the latest ISSUE**).

I took the opportunity to "come out" to my 10th grade English teacher, **Esther Dela-Rosa,** whom I have loved and respected throughout the years. With love and acceptance, she responded to my "unmasking" as she also learned and grew from this shared experience. As each one of us continues to take those steps of affirmation, I hope you, too, can have the good fortune of sharing with your very own loving and caring "Esther." On a final Halloween history note: The Druids celebrated this festival in ways which included burning people at the stake. And after turning people into human briquettes, they checked them out for signs and omens from the gods. I certainly hope your Halloween is much less eventful as you "trick or treat" or "treat your tricks." 'Til next month, Love and Happiness,

Danny

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"GET-IT" Gives a Quality Performance at Joseph's

by **Winston Ingman**

Audiences were treated to two evenings at Joseph's Town & Country on Friday, September 28 and 29, to what was oxymoronically billed as "Gay Experimental Traditional Improvisational Theater" (GET-IT).

The incongruity stems from the use of the terms "improvisational," "traditional," and "experimental" to describe show from which at least two of these theatre devices were absent. The term "improvisational" implies lack of rehearsal; "experimental" also leads an audience to expect a certain degree of ad lib. While the show was clearly well rehearsed and there was no evidence of ad lib from the cast, there is still plenty to recommend this production.

The general quality was professional and the dialogue offered trenchant and perceptive insights into issues which all readers of this paper struggle with daily. These issues include homophobia, both internalized and culturally inflicted; gay bashing, which was dramatically and effectively portrayed in a black-out, staged in two parts called "A Shot of Lavender"; and, last but not least, the issue which Mary Renault has referred to as "Unleashing of the Immortal Hounds of Eres"; i.e., how to find some good nookie.

Helena Holiday, who serves as the talented female-impressionist (not to be confused with the term female impersonator) explains that the show's concept is loosely based on "Secret Passions," a live gay soap opera airing on channel 47. The current evolution of this production opens with Helena, at center stage, gagged and bound to a chair--apparently by fellow cast members who have grown infuriated by her relentless search for situations which will justify her bursting into song.

The desultory line-up of material and the order in which it was presented created some confusion in the audience as to the primary direction or concept of the director, Daniel Freer. Fortunately, some of the material is superlative, particularly in a dramatic sketch called "Speak Up" or "Come out, come out, wherever you are." This piece is drama at its best: "experimental" or "traditional." Briefly, it emotionally illustrates how no one "spoke up" in Nazi Germany when their neighbors started disappearing.

Certainly one of the most emotionally charged moments came in the second act. Individuals, in a powerfully staged presentation, offered their personal experiences of what the torment of being gay - disenfranchised and shunned by society - can do to a creature - a creature that was born with nothing more than the desire to love and be loved.

Lavner Leaves 'Em Laughing

by **Celeste Brown**

Lynn Lavner performed at Faces September 21. She was, simply put, WONDERFUL!

Bawdy, lyrical, witty, and reverent are all terms that describe her original comedy and music. She played to a near-capacity crowd, and each piece was enthusiastically rewarded with applause.

Whether it was the hopeful eye toward the decade ("I'm looking forward to the Gay 90's / I think we better get our asses in gear / cause Jesse Helms comes up for re-election this year"), or a dry look at having had one's affections replaced by a cat ("I used to hate your therapist / but now I hate your cat"), her material had something for everybody.

Lynn Lavner.

One particular song was a bittersweet reminder of those who have died from AIDS, "Such a Fine Young Man". Lavner's strong voice ad lyrics were a haunting tribute to those who have left friends, lovers, and family behind.

Lavner's own delicious background of Brooklyn and Jewish roots provided an entertaining insight to her own life. There is a song where the Jewish mother pleads with her daughter not to wear "leather pants to the Cedar," and gently admonishes God for not hearing correctly when she asked him for a "little tyke" to fill the empty bassinet. Even if you aren't Jewish and from Brooklyn, Lavner's honest look at the family bears a similar thread which runs through all families ("We all thought we were just humoring my father, not realizing at the time we were a dysfunctional family enabling him"). Didn't we all, hon?? Anyway, if you missed the show, you might want to pick up her latest release, "You Are What You Wear," and have a bottle of wine and some friends come over and share a rollicking time.

Congratulations to Shannon McCall and Faces, who booked a wonderfully up-town entertainer. Please come back soon, Lynn!

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Meddling in magic makes for a miserable Mickey.

Fantasia!

by **Chris Gerald**

Fifty years ago, Walt Disney had a magical vision. In a product years ahead of its time, Fantasia's animated visuals were put to a classical music score performed by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Six years after a failed attempt to restore the film on 1982, Disney executives applied a multimillion dollar budget for a lovingly applied restoration of each and every frame for a picture that most likely looks better than the 1940 original.

There is literally something for everybody in Fantasia, and the strengths in the pieces far outweigh the weaknesses.

From a 1990 perspective, it is easy to dismiss Beethoven's Pastoral a bit sexist and some of the pieces seem to go on a little too long. The dialogue by the conductor introducing the pieces seems dated and a bit corny.

But the images themselves flow from one part to the next in a flawless fashion of distinctive styles and textures and the new print makes them glow.

Free of narrative, there are fairies and flowers and dancing mushrooms cavorting in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite. Ostriches, hippos and crocodiles dance their little hears out in Ponchielli's Dance of the Hours. The intoxicating representation of evolution in Stravinsky's The Right of spring is riveting.

Any my personal favorite? Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice, as a youthful Mickey Mouse performs a magic trick gone awry in a role tailormade for him.

Fantasia may not ever enjoy the popularity of Snow White or Cinderella, but it is in a league all its own.

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Henry and June

Anais Nin started a diary as an 11-year-old in 1914. Thousands of pages were filled with her vivid thoughts by the time of her death in 1977. None of the diaries were published until the middle '60s and were considered far more erotic than any of her other works. In 1931, American writer Henry Miller entered her life. They met at her house just outside of Paris. Nin loved surrounding herself with intellectuals and the meeting between these two free spirits must have been explosive.

But as portrayed in the new movie directed by Philip Kaufman, it is neither explosive nor erotic. The chemistry that should have been generated by Maria de Medeiros as Nin and Fred Ward as Henry Miller is non-existent. In Kaufman's version, Miller and Nin come off as adolescents obsessed with sex. There is nothing else in their world. When Nin is also attracted to Miller's wife June (Uma Thurman), the whole affair as presented here becomes tawdry and cheap.

It is a bad view of someone else's reality. Can this be the same man who brought us the provocative Unbearable Lightness of Being?

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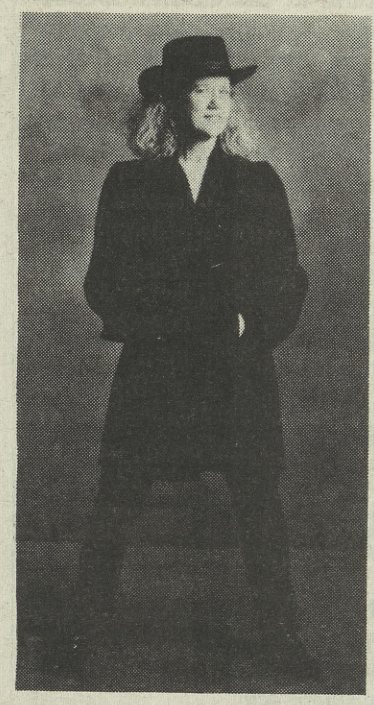
Vintage Holly Near at the Crest

by **Stacy Selmants**

With a new (non-Redwood Records) album, and a new 30 city tour, Holly Near opens the 90's with an offering that is either vintage Holly or the same old stuff, depending upon your perspective.

Near will be in Sacramento on Friday, October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Crest Theatre to perform, and to promote her newest album, "Singer in the Storm," recorded live.

The album compiles a number of Near standards, such as "Harriet Tubman (Lifeline)" -- a favorite after her live duet with former Weavers Ronnie Gilbert-- and "Singing For Our Lives" a moving, if somewhat simplistic anthem that is included in all Near concerts, during the "campfire" section of her show. And the mixture of new songs are also in the same eclectic mode, featuring soft full ballads, with salsa backbeats like "Singer in the Storm" positioned next to bluesy wailers like "Sun Won't Stop." And of course, in the true "folkie" tradition, Near also performs several songs --Te Doy Una Cancion and Si Buscabas-- that are appreciated more by those of us who are bilingual. (Note: ALM Spanish classes from High School won't help.)



Holly Near.

Near is joined by well-known (in some places) Argentine singer Mercedes Sosa in two duets, including a compelling English/Spanish cover of Sting's "We Dance Alone." Near's backup band gives her ample melodic and rhythmic support, especially from her longtime accompanist, co-arranger and childhood friend, John Buccino on piano. The production qualities have improved; for a live album, the sound is surprisingly clear and crisp.

Despite her early career as a Hollywood ingenue (the famous credit is the guest stint on "Partridge Family") Near has evolved to becoming one of the more influential spokespersons for world peace and for formulating a halt to human rights violations, especially in Third World countries. Her commitment and zeal are strong elements in "Singer in the Storm." But it's even worth buying the cassette/CD/album for the superficialities-- especially the growling, sexy, ice-clinking, "Sun Won't Stop."

Tickets to Friday's show are $14.50 and are available from the Crest. The doors open at 6 p.m. ⚡

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WCIC

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the community.

The WCIC today provides a diverse range of services aimed at providing services to the poor and disenfranchised community members. These programs include weatherization of low-income housing; seniors' and adult nutrition programs; a seniors' transportation program; an 80-child Headstart program, as well as day care services, including instruction. "Probably the newest component to the WCIC services ha been the health programs," says Burnett. "Project Survival, which is an AIDS education and prevention program focusing on the needs of African Americans in Sacramento specifically is going into its third fiscal year." While Project Survival started as a program to increase awareness of and to educate community members about AIDS, during the last two years, it has developed into a network of support groups, case management, and the outreach programs which are directed toward the African American gay and bisexual community.

Burnett acknowledges that most of the focus has been on the gay male African American population, versus the lesbian population and says that there will be more direction made toward the lesbian African American community in the upcoming year.

In addition to Project Survival, the WCIC has pioneered a health program for pregnant/high-risk women, called Women's Health Incentive and Support for Prenatal Education and Resource Services, or WHISPERS. The goal of WHISPERS is to help pregnant women receive the prenatal care necessary in order to have healthier babies. WHISPERS offers a variety of services and opportunity for these high-risk mothers that include confidential drug and alcohol counseling, child care for those with children while in prenatal care, transportation to and from appointments, and referral to free, confidential HIV testing.

This program has been designed to reach out to all women, regardless of ethnic background.

Unlike other health programs, WCIC is unique in that it endeavors to treat those seeking services with a cultural sensitivity not usually found in other programs. While many of the programs it offers are directed toward the African American community the WCIC finds many people--especially from Southeast Asian and latino communities--coming to its doors these days. In fact, Burnett maintains that one of the reasons the WCIC has succeeded so often with its programs is because it steadfastly focuses on the needs of each individual with "a cultural awareness, understanding and sensitivity, as well as an understanding of the socioeconomic dynamics and diversity."

Another reason for the success of the WCIC programs is that, when dealing with a problem, it is examined thoroughly and takes into account all sides of these issues. For example, Burnett points out the AIDS issue. "When we start looking at AIDS, we have to deal with all of those other issues that are involved, especially with the AIDS situation in our community. You can't not deal with the issue of substance abuse; you can't not deal with the issue of prenatal care access, because we re talking about prenatal HIV transmission of 74 percent or higher, and the majority of those infants that fall into that category are African American children."

Coming full circle, Joe Hawkins, in his capacity as Male Advocacy Counselor, has seen the need for programs within the African American community on all levels which reenforce positive self esteem and cultural awareness. He says, "It is absolutely essential that we in the African American gay, lesbian, and bisexual community take advantage of this avenue we now have, afforded to us through the WCIC" Being an openly gay African American man, Hawkins says it has taken time for many men within the community to come out and support gay issues. Hawkins says in the last four months, participation in all of the African American men's support groups has continually grown, and he believes that this is a direct result of the support, confidentiality and the safe environment these men are able to personally relate to.

In addition to the many programs mentioned already, the WCIC has an exciting year ahead as it plans to open a home for people with AIDS, start an AIDS education program for prisoners, and continue to develop their outreach programs for the community.

In conclusion, I would like to quote Cleo Manago (founder of the Black Men's Exchange): "My only agenda is to do what I can to change the oppressive and sometimes self-destructive condition that transpires among gays and lesbians, people of color and the poor. It is not my intent to become just another diva I believe that the issue of AIDS in the midst of its tragedy makes an opportunity for all groups affected to finally challenge this system and demand our right to justice and fair treatment."

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Oral Sex Added to the "Unsafe" Risk Category

by **Arturo Jackson III**

Research findings on the risk of HIV transmission when practicing oral sex have concluded that the sexual practice poses a greater risk of exposure to the virus than previously believed.

The findings involving 82 study subjects were presented earlier this month at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting in New York City. The research data concluded from the study has warranted experts to reclassify oral sex from a "risky" to "high risk" sexual practice category.

The research was compiled by analyzing the sexual practices of 82 men participating in three long-term HIV studies in San Francisco. The studies involved included the San Francisco Men's Health Study, the City Clinic Cohort Study under the direction of Paul O'Malley as program director, and the San Francisco General Hospital Cohort.

The most alarming statistic in the study was that 14 men (17% of the study's volunteers) tested HIV positive after reportedly engaging in only oral sexual practices while refraining from other high-risk sexual behavior. "The study confirms what we have said all along, that oral sex is potentially a risky activity. We have documented cases of men seroconverting while engaging only in oral sex," stated Paul O'Malley.

Epidemiologist Michael Samuel who presented the findings at the conference, reported that the men in the study were exposed to the HIV virus between 1984 and 1990. Researchers concluded from the tabulated data that over 50 percent of the trial participants who contracted the HIV virus had engaged in receptive and insertive anal intercourse and receptive and insertive oral sex. Thirty-four percent of the men testing HIV positive in the study reported that they did not practice anal receptive intercourse.

Researchers reported that the infection risk was elevated with the practice of douching or enemas before anal intercourse, dispelling the belief by some that such practices decrease the risk of HIV infection.

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"Oral sex was not implicated as a major risk factor in previous studies," reports Warren Winkelstein, professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley and principal researcher in the study. "What this study does, is show pretty clearly that it is a strong risk factor. We've always pointed out that oral sex was a potential risk. Now we've confirmed it," added Winkelstein.

According to Dr. Neil Flynn, director of the clinic at U.C. Davis Medical Center, sexually active people "cannot engage in unprotected oral receptive [perform fellatio] sex without a high risk of exposure to the HIV virus."

"The findings raise the issues of not only protecting yourself against the HIV virus but also sexually transmitted diseases as well," emphasized Joe Chase, health educator at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

The Buddy Connection is an excellent workshop sponsored by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and explores by sharing with others how sexual encounters can be sensual, satisfying and SAFE." The health educator cautioned, "this is not a joke, people are dying."

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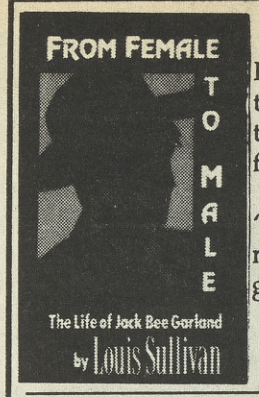

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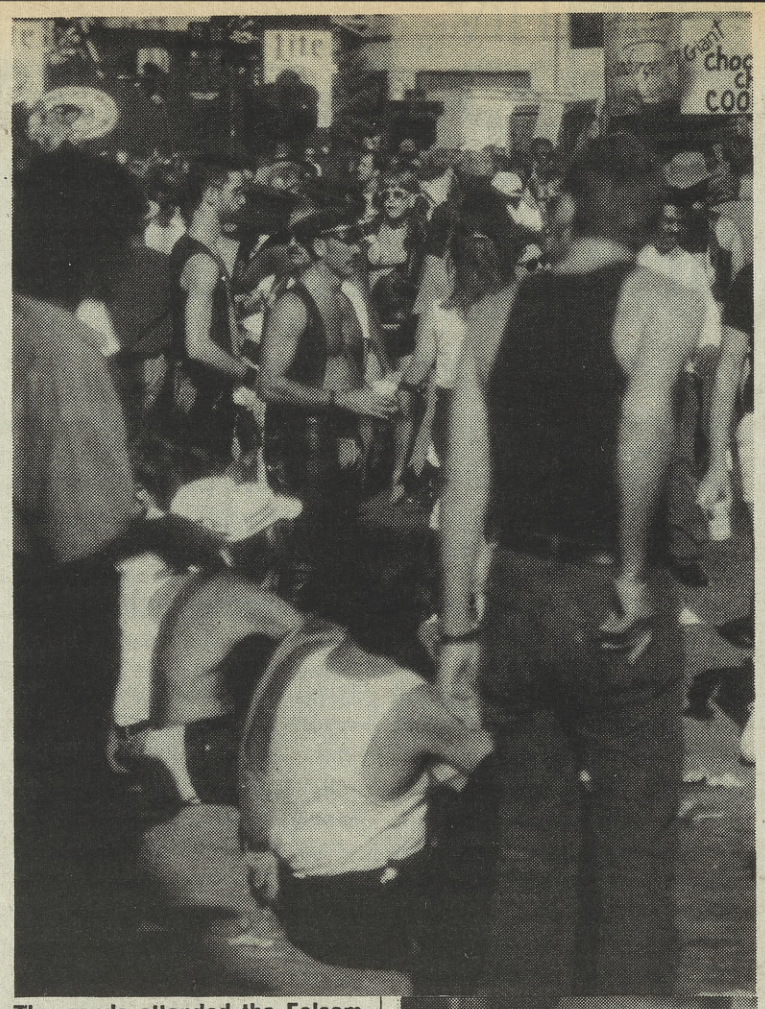
that week, there was enough leather to upholster every 1969 Cadillac El Dorado ever built.

Every night for a week, there were fund raisers, parties, dinner shows sponsored by various bars, clubs and AIDS organizations. Then, on Friday, September 21, the sixteen contestants for International Mr. Drummer were introduced and the jock-strap competition was held. The contestants came from the United States, Great Britain, Germany, New Zealand, and Australia.

When all was shed and done...

On Saturday afternoon, the crowds reassembled for part of the competition. Each contestant gave a short speech on why they were in the contest and what they hoped to accomplish. Interspersed between the speeches were the sexual fantasies of each contestant. These ranged from the predictable traffic cop on a dark deserted street, to some very innovative scenes that had the sell-out crowd moaning and groaning. When all was shed and done, the winners were announced: Clive Platman from Australia was named International Mr. Drummer for 1990 (as well as Mr. South Pacific Drummer) second place went to Christian Dreesen of Germany (Mr. Drummer Europe), and third place winner was Ron Brewer of Phoenix, Arizona (Mr. Drummer, North America).

The week came to a close on Sunday with the Seventh Annual Folsom Street Fair. "The Seven Year Itch" was the largest and best-attended of the fairs. There were five long blocks of booths, with everything from S/M tips, political candidates, ethnic foods, piercings and tatoos -- and as with any event in San Francisco, the crows was the entire spectrum of humanity, with much emphasis on those who "march to the beat of a different drummer."



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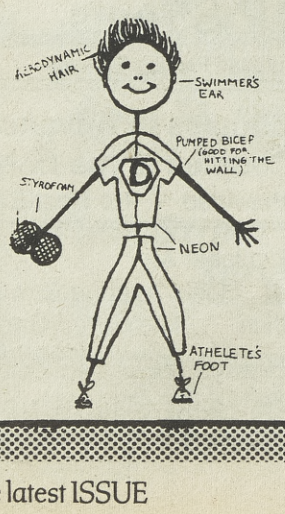

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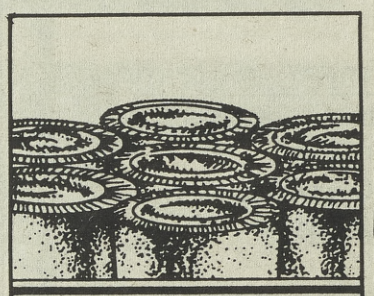

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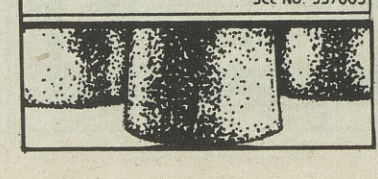

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by **Michael Sestak**

Noted clinical psychologist Rob Eichberg, Ph.D., has written a practical, step-by-step self-help guide for gay men and lesbians to come out of the closet.

It is a guide to coming out privately and publicly, telling the truth, taking control of your own life, and creating an honest, fulfilling, open life of love. The book was in bookstores by October 11 to coincide with National Coming Out Day.

Co-founder of the Experience and of National Coming Out Day, Eichberg, 45, draws on his professional experience as he guides readers toward self esteem and suggests ways to cope with fears of rejection, isolation, guilt, powerlessness; with their own defensive anger and aggressiveness.

This extraordinary guide also goes beyond private experiences and explains why coming out publicly in the era of AIDS is of vital importance.

Coming out is essential to healing one's self, both emotionally and spiritually.

"Only by collective action and affirmation of who we are, will other peoples' attitudes change and a vigorous, full-scale effort be made to cure AIDS."

Eichberg explains that the idea for National Coming Out Day was born in February of 1988, at the War Conference in Virginia. Approximately 200 self-appointed gay leaders met to discuss the visibility of lesbians and gays in the United States. Among their concerns was to get the gay community to become proactive instead of being reactive to numerous political action groups and ballot initiatives aimed against us. "Across the nation," he says, "we have been fighting one political battle after another, many regarding AIDS funding, and others regarding unsound AIDS measures based in prejudice about gay people. These battles have cost enormous amounts of time, money and energy. We are virtually always responding to someone else's agenda," Twenty-one years after Stonewall, one fact remains: we cannot achieve equality from the closet. Being invisible is unhealthy for gay men, lesbians, and as a whole. Hiding robs younger generations of gay men and lesbians of the opportunities to grow up with dignity, role models, and access to differing viewpoints. People -gay and non-gay alike--come up with a variety of reasons to justify not discussing homosexuality. It is essential that we engage actively and constructively in this discussion and raise our national consciousness about the issue.

Expressing the need for further involvement, Eichberg stated, "It's not fair to ask the tip of the community to represent the entire community. A much broader and diverse base of support is needed. Support from each and every member is ultimately needed to fight our battles and win the approval of the straight community. Continued education of the public is vital and essential to win."

When asked regarding internal battling for unification in the gay community, Eichberg challenged, "There is no such thing as a "united heterosexual community." There aren't heterosexuals united for or against anything. It's a naive belief that the gay community should be united on anything other than issues relevant to the community, such as gay rights. You must keep in mind that people have different political views and different ideologies. What is often demonstrated is that people have different goals and different means to get there. For instance: a conservative republican will differ in views from that of a liberal democrat. These views are conferred on their own partisan lines and not necessarily on how they may relate to the gay community. Nevertheless, we can all come out and make it safe to be gay.

What we can unite on is not having people be bigoted and not having the decision on the issues be based on homophobia. As we come out of the closet, the world will know just how diverse we really are."

Rob Eichberg, Ph.D.

Eichberg would like it to be so OK to be gay. He believes it's an attainable goal. It shouldn't matter whether we're born gay, or chose to be gay or we choose to be gay today or two years from today. It's possible to attain freedom. Once you have that, your sexual preference or orientation would be irrelevant.

Rob Eichberg was scheduled to appear on Oprah Winfrey's show for the third year in a row to promote National Coming Out Day, but the show was cancelled because the producers of the show wanted Eichberg to bring a "big name" celebrity on the show who was coming out because of NCOD. Rob refused.

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Dialing Doggie

by **Keith Clark**

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The Robbs said they weren't really aware anything was afoot - or apaw in this case - until their telephone bill came earlier in September showing charges of $28 for calls to two of the numbers, "Sports Pick" and the "Adult Date Line."

"We know the dog did it," Mrs. Robb said, "because no one else was home at the time. I know he did it."

It seems the Robbs, after seeing a television show about a 3-year-old boy who was taught by his parents to dial the emergency 911 number when there was trouble.

By putting peanut butter on the over-sized numbers of their telephone, setting off the smoke alarm and repeatedly knocking the phone off the hook, Tyrone learned the trick and did it several times when given cues to do so.

The Robbs said on the night the calls were apparently made, they found the phone off the hook when they came home late from a party with friends, but thought no more about it until the telephone bill came in recently.

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Sally Kelley, 6371 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, 393-1111.

Rick Oldham, Loan Officer, IMCO Realty Services, 852-0336.

Vicki Pfingst, 9978 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento. 362-1166.

Jayne Rountree, Roundtree Real Estate, Sacramento. 921-6642.

■ RESTAURANTS

Ambrose Heath, 924 J St. Sacramento, 448-4526.

Coffee, Tea & Co., 1900 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, 737-8570.

Gelato Robi, 2317 J Street, Sacramento. 442-7624.

Incredible Edible, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento. 456-9120.

Joseph's Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento. 649-9248.

Muffins Etc., 1404 28th St. Sacramento, 452-1829.

Town House, 1517 21st Street, Sacramento. 441-5122.

■ SERVICES

Sacramento Quick Print, 2612 J Street, Sacramento, 442-5615.

Sacramento Roommate Agency, 1601 Fulton Ave. Suite 4, Sacramento. 486-1616.

■ TRAVEL

Aladdin Travel, Rob Thorbin, 818 K Street Mall, Sacramento. 446-0633.

Red Shoes Travel, 3241 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento, 454-4201.

■ VIDEO

Films For Days, 2300 O Street, Sacramento. 448-FILM

CLASSIFIED / PERSONALS REQUEST FORM

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The Wizard of OZ

$1,250 in CASH PRIZES

Thursday Oct. 15
With Drink Specials
Kick-off Event

Fri. - Sat. - Sun.
Oct. 26, 27, 28
Costume Contest
Each Night
3 Categories
1) Most Original
2) Best Couple
3) Scariest

Monday, Oct. 29
Country Dancing

Tuesday, Oct. 30
Twister Bar Run
(See schedule at side ➡)

Wednesday, Oct. 31
Halloween
"Fantasy Festival"
Finals
Two Categories
1) Best of the Wizard of OZ
2) Best All Round

FACES **2000 K Street** **448-7798**

Fantasy Festival 1990

October 24 - 31

Events

Tues. Oct 30
"Twister Bar Run"
"FREE"

Leaves
9:00 FACES
10:15 WRECK ROOM
11:30 JOSEPH'S
12:30 TOWNHOUSE
12:35 MERCANTILE
Costumes Encouraged

Roam Club
Presents

Haunted House

Oct. 27 - 31

"5 Nights of Macabre"

Lambda Community Center
1931 L Street
442-0185